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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Application Number	09/459,138
Filing Date	December 10, 1999
First Named Inventor	Larry K. Johnson
Group Art Unit	1733
Examiner Name	John T. Haran
Attorney Docket Number	7040R
Confirmation Number	9687

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. ☒ Previously submitted

i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on 6 Nov. 2001
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☒ Other Applicants' Statement of Substance of Interview

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ___ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 16-2480.

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Suspension of action fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i)

iv. ☐ Other _____

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

NAME (Print/Type)	Michael P. Hayden	Reg. No. (Attorney/Agent) 48,433
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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED
UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**

Docket Number (Optional)
7040R

First Named Inventor: Larry K. Johnson, et al.

Application No.: 09/459,138

(Art Unit: 1733)

Filed: December 10, 1999

Examiner: John T. Haran

Title: METHOD FOR MAKING A SEAM FOR USE IN DISPOSABLE ARTICLES

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APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION

NOTE: A grantable petition requires the following items:

- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee – required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

1. Petition fee

☒ Large entity - fee \$1,280.00 (37 CFR 1.17(m))

2. Reply and/or fee

A. The reply and/or fee to the above-noted Office Action in the form of After Final Reply (identify type of reply):

☒ has been filed previously on 6 Nov 2001
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B. The issue fee of \$

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3. Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee

☒ Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.

☐ A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$__ for a large entity disclaiming the required period of time is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

4. Statement. The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. [NOTE: The United States Patent and Trademark Office may require additional information if there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional (MPEP 711.03(c), subsections (III)(C) and (D))].

5. ☒ Authorization is given to charge Deposit Account No. 16-2480 for any fees required in connection with submission of this petition. A duplicate copy of this correspondence is enclosed to facilitate charging of the fees

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☐ Reply
☐ Terminal Disclaimer Form
☐ Additional sheets containing statements establishing unintentional delay
☒ RCE Transmittal; Applicants' Statement of Substance of Interview

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APPLICANTS' STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

In the Interview Summary (Form PTO-413) attached to the Notice of Abandonment (Form PTO-1432) of the subject application, both mailed on 15 July 2002, the Examiner summarized the substance of the noted telephonic interviews on a continuation sheet signed by Michael Ball, the Examiner's S.P.E. However, the box on the Interview Summary form is not checked to indicate that it is not necessary for applicants to provide a separate statement of the substance of the noted telephonic interviews. Accordingly, this separate statement is being provided to ensure that all pertinent requirements to record the interview are met.

- Applicants' agent concurs that the statements in the Examiner's Interview Summary describe the general nature of the substance of the telephonic conversations.

Respectfully submitted,

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